

Saint Mary Parish

May 31, 2026

The Most Holy Trinity



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have **eternal life**.

JOHN 3:16

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

9am –1:30 pm, Mon. – Thurs., closed Friday.

(Closed Weekends and Holidays)

STAFF Father Corey V. Piccinino, *Pastor*
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Maggie Kent, *Secretary*

OCIA (203)744-5777 Call if you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation as a Catholic with Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

UNITED YOUTH MINISTRY Renzo Ortega (203) 240-8059

MUSIC MINISTRY Michael Ferrari, *Music & Choir Director*

FINANCE COMMITTEE (733-7335) Bob Kozlowski, *Chair*

CEMETERY DIRECTOR: Bob DiMatteo (203)744-5777

BAPTISMS: Sundays at 12:15pm (excluding the 1st Sunday of each month). Please call the Rectory at least six weeks in advance to schedule your Baptism and to sign up for the Baptism Class that is required for both parents and Godparents. These classes are offered on the first Sunday of each month. Anyone requesting a Sponsorship form must be a currently registered and practicing Catholic, and they must attend one of the Baptism Classes to receive it. There is a 3-month waiting period for a sponsorship form for the newly registered. The Catholic requirements for a Godparent/Sponsor are: you must be at least 16 years old; received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church; attend Mass regularly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation; receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion regularly; sincerely try to follow the moral teaching of the Catholic Church; and if married, were married in the Catholic Church.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARRIAGE: All couples must meet with a parish clergyman at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrated.

PASTORAL CARE AT DANBURY HOSPITAL: Prior to your hospitalization, you or a family member should notify the Catholic chaplain at the Hospital.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: To any of those who are homebound or hospitalized and interested in having a visit by a priest, or are interested in serving in this ministry, please call the Parish Office at 744-5777.

PRAYER LINE: If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our Prayer Line. Our team leader is Maggie Kent (203-731-4738).

SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE: ONLINE: www.lighthouse-services.com/diobpt. TOLL FREE TELEPHONE: English speaking USA and Canada: 833-990-0004; Spanish speaking USA and Canada: 800-216-1288 E-MAIL: reports@lighthouse-services.com (must include company name with report). When contacting the hotline, an individual may or may not choose to identify him or herself.

FATHER COREY'S EPISTLE

† Blessed Fr. Miroslav Bulešić's courage to speak for Christ, even unto death.

Sent to heaven at the age 27, this young blessed was killed in 1947 by communists while he shouted, "Jesus, receive my soul!" The attackers had entered the rectory wanting to kill him for speaking out against their abuses. They pinned him to the ground and stabbed him in the neck to stop him from calling to Jesus. Cardinal Angelo Amato called the murder a hate crime.

Miroslav Bulešić was born in Croatia in 1920 and



ordained a priest during World War II. He witnessed hostility and violence between communists and fascists as well as communist abuse of clergy. Hundreds of priests, seminarians, and other religious were killed (or died in prison) when communists took over the region.

"Human wickedness was vented on a helpless priest, and the wolf tore the lamb apart. Hatred extinguished a human life, which is always precious but was twice as priceless this time as the life of a good man," Cardinal Amato said about Fr. Miroslav.

Bl. Fr. Miroslav Bulešić, pray for us that we may be true to Christ until death and speak up for those in need, those who are persecuted, those who are vulnerable, and against injustices.

Blessed Rolando Rivi's dedication to his studies and undeniable martyrdom.

Also murdered by communists in Italy during the World War II era, Rolando Rivi became the world's first beatified seminarian. He was only eleven years old when he entered seminary and

was fourteen at the time of his death. When Nazi troops occupied his seminary, he continued to study, bringing his books home to San Valentino with him. "I study to be a priest, and these vestments are the sign that I belong to Jesus," he referred to his seminarian cassock and never gave up on following his vocation.

After Mass on April 10, 1945, he disappeared,



leaving his books in the woods, where he usually went to study. His parents found a note by the books stating, "Do not search for him. He just came with us partisans for a while." He had been kidnapped, his cassock taken, and was imprisoned and tortured for three days. While some partisans wanted to let him go due to his youth, those desiring his death won out, calling for "one less future priest." They took him into the forest and dug his grave. As Rivi knelt in prayer by his grave, they shot him in the head and heart.

Biographer Paolo Risso faced many challenges researching the boy's death due to political red tape, but was certain that this boy, the youngest seminarian killed during those turbulent times, had died a martyr's death. His killers' hatred for Catholicism was so plain to see that they were sentenced to time in prison by a judge. Cardinal Amato compared the criminals to hyenas, who were "indoctrinated to fight Christianity, humiliate clergy, kill parish priests, and destroy Catholic teaching."

Bl. Rolando Rivi, pray for us that we may also be doubtlessly faithful, devoted to our vocation, and a sure follower of Christ so that no one can deny that we belong to You.



SAT., MAY 30

4:30 + Anthony Lombardo — Ellen McShane

SUN., MAY 31

7:00 + Rosalie DeMarco — Bud & Eleanor McClellan
8:30 + Emile Ravenda, Jr. — Linda & Tom MacGregor
11:00 St. Mary Parish

MON., JUNE 1

9:00 + Rosalie DeMarco — The DiMatteo Family

TUES., JUNE 2

9:00 + Joseph Sammartano — The Drury Family

WED., JUNE 3

9:00 + Paul Livornese — Wife, Lucille

THURS., JUNE 4

9:00 + Bill Scollon — Wife, Pat

FRI., JUNE 5

9:00 + Robert Bruckman — SMS Sunshine Club

SAT., JUNE 6

9:00 + Dorothy Baker — The Kallberg Family
4:30 Saint Mary Parish

SUN., JUNE 7

7:00 + Jonathan Simko — Family
+ Mary Ellen Monteleone — Cathy & Gene Blondell
8:30 + Christopher Wagher — Mary Wagher
11:00 + Anne Herman Coutermash — Family



Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

9:00am

Saturday

9:00am & 4:30pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, & 11:00am

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00-4:00pm

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 31

12:15pm Baptism

2:30pm Men's Cursillo

6:00pm United Youth

Monday, June 1

Tuesday, June 2

9:30am Women of Faith

3:30pm New Day Bereavement

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes

7:00pm Women of Faith

Wednesday, June 3

Thursday, June 4

6:30pm Bible Study

Friday, June 5

Saturday, June 6

3:00pm Confessions

3:00pm Adoration

Sunday, June 7

12:15pm Pre Baptism

2:30pm Men's Cursillo Class

6:00pm United Youth



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AROUND THE PARISH

The **ST. MARY MEN'S MINISTRY** group meets on Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Father McGivney Hall, followed by the 9:00 AM Saturday Mass. For more information, Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeener@diobpt.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP provides a prayerful experience of mutual support and comfort for those who are confronting the loss of a loved one. Our upcoming zoom meeting is on **June 6**. If you wish to attend, please call the parish office at 744-5777 and ask that a group facilitator call you with more information.

The **St. Mary YOUTH CHOIR** rehearses every Wednesday from 5-6pm in the Parish Hall. For more info, contact Leanna Hinger at youth-choir.st.mary@gmail.com. The **St. Mary ADULT CHOIR** practices in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9pm. If you are interested in being part of our Parish Choir, please call the Parish Office.

The **YOUNG ADULT** group (ages 21-35) meets every 3rd Thursday of the month with Adoration and a social afterward. Look them up on Instagram at [avamaria1882](https://www.instagram.com/avamaria1882).

If you would like to dedicate **ALTAR FLOWERS** in memory of a loved one at weekend Masses, call the Parish Office at (203)744-5777. Donation would be \$150 and your loved one's name will appear in the bulletin.

If you would like the **SANCTUARY CANDLE** to be lit for your departed loved one, we shall publish your loved one's name in the bulletin and the priest, while in the sacristy, will pray for the repose of their soul for 7 days. The stipend is \$10. Call the office to make arrangements.

St. Mary Religious Education
24 Dodgingtown Road
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stmarybethel.org

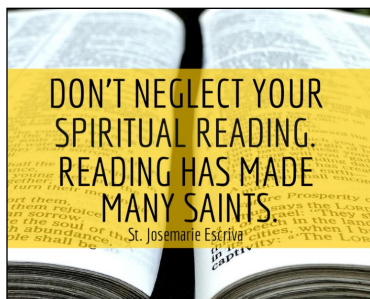
St. Mary School

A Catholic School of Academic Excellence for Pre-K to 8th Grade

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN! We are now accepting applications for Pre-K -- Grade 8. Please visit our admissions page at www.stmarybethelct.org to apply. We do anticipate waitlists in many grades so please apply early. If you have any questions, contact Geraldine Henn, Enrollment Director, at admissions@stmarybethelct.org or call 203-744-2922.

Thank you for supporting our St Mary School Home School Association carnival raffle. The winning tickets were drawn at the Carnival on Sunday evening.

The three winners have been notified. The winners were Allen K of Bethel, Bobbi M of Cheshire and Steven D of Bethel.



St. Mary Parish Book Club

All Adults Welcome!

Please see the Church bulletin for monthly meeting announcements.

St. Pauly Used Clothing Drop Off Shed



Located by the Hall Parking Lot area

- * Please put all clothes in plastic bags no larger than tall kitchen bag size
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Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life and have expressed an interest in learning more about Jesus?
- A Baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic tradition?
- A Baptized Roman Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?
- Married to a Catholic and attend Mass but just don't know what the next step is to become on of the Catholic faithful

If your answer is yes to any of these questions, come and discover, or re-discover, the truth, wonder and mystery of our Catholic faith! The OCIA program prepares you to be received as members of the Catholic Church.

Our new sessions begin in September and we meet on Sundays in the Notre Dame Center from 12:30-2pm.

If you are interested in participating our learning more about OCIA, call (203)744-5777 or email Deacon Eric Keener at dnkeener@diobpt.org.

St Mary's
Bethel

CROSS ROADS

Monthly Regular Meetings
Community Service Opportunities
Retreats and Other Events

Email StMaryCrossroads@gmail.com to get on the email list for upcoming event schedule

Middle School Ages

FAITH | COMMUNITY | FUN



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 10-12, 2026

Inviting high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!

Registration now open!

An overnight weekend retreat on the campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

steubenvilleconferences.com/mc3



INFORMATION

Open to teens entering high school in the fall of 2026 through 2026 graduates

Cost: \$300 (for teens belonging to United parishes St. Rose, St. Mary Bethel, St. Joseph Brookfield) | \$350 (for non-United)

youth@strosechurch.com



St. Mary Church

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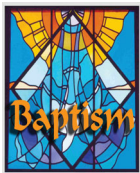
Pray for the Sick

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our PRAYER LINE.



Our team leader is Maggie Kent (203-731-4738). If you would like to join our group, send a "Request to Join Prayer Chain" email to Maggie at kentmaggie@sbcglobal.net. Your name will be added to the email chain. Thank you!

God Bless those recently Baptized



*Ellarie Anne Ferraro
Leora Florence Gaco
Anthony John Millan, Jr.
Even Carter Sequeira
Margo Augustina Zalenski*



**New Day Bereavement Program
Spring Session Registration Now Open
April 21 – June 16
Tuesday evenings 4:30 – 6:00pm**

Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at

St. Mary Church
26 Dodgingtown Rd.
Bethel

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

St. Mary Church is partnering with the Bereavement initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

www.Thegrief.org

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.



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Bottles for Change



Collect your change and return between Mothers Day and Fathers Day to the collection box after mass to Support Malta House



This is the 4th year for this important campaign in support of babies and motherhood. Over the last 3 years, the St Mary community has donated well over \$ 10,000 to this worthy effort. We thank you for your support to date and look forward to your participation this year



Answering God's Call to Serve

For Andres Grajales, the call to the diaconate came quietly but unmistakably, encouraged by three different priests and supported by his family, parish community, and the Charismatic Renewal. Entering formation has been a deeply rewarding journey, allowing him to grow in faith and prepare to serve others.

Andres hopes to reflect Christ's love as a deacon, bringing His light both to the Church and to those who have not yet encountered Him, fostering unity and renewal in the Diocese.

The Bishop's Appeal helps make diaconate formation possible, providing education, spiritual guidance, and pastoral training for men discerning this sacred vocation.

Support the next generation of deacons by giving to the Bishop's Appeal.

Learn more at 2026BishopsAppeal.org



The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic fraternal service order founded by Blessed Michael McGivney in 1882. We support the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism in the Parishes of St. Mary Bethel, St. Patrick Redding & nearby communities. Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, and we are Catholic men of charitable action. If you're at least 18 years of age, we invite you to join us. Our meetings are held every second and fourth Monday at 7pm in Father McGivney Hall.

To contact us, call Alan Gambino at (203)910-3733 or Email us at gkofpavia@gmail.com

To watch a video about what we do, use the link or QR code below.

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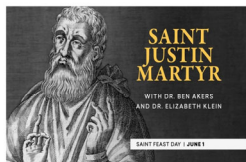
This Week on Formed

Week of May 31, 2026



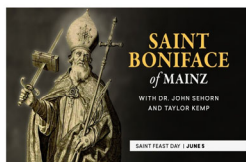
Lectio: God

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



Saint Justin Martyr | Catholic Saints

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss St. Justin Martyr, an early Church martyr who wrote several significant Christian apologetic works. He sought the truth in other philosophies, drawing out what was true and good and relating it to Jesus Christ.



St. Boniface | Catholic Saints

Known as the "Apostle to Germany," the bishop and martyr St. Boniface worked tirelessly to renew the Church in Germany. Although his efforts ultimately bore great fruit and helped to recenter the faith of the Germans, St. Boniface often felt like a failure in his missionary work.

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BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION Thank you for your generous support of the Brotherhood in Action. The generous donations of the people of St. Mary's makes it possible for our organization to exist and be able to give those in our community a sense of hope for happy holidays and year-round. If you wish to continue to help our mission throughout the year, monetary donations may be sent to: Brotherhood in Action, P.O. Box 582, Bethel, CT. 06801. Thank you again for your generosity!!

OFF THE STREETS is an all volunteer organization that assists those in need of housing. For those individuals that demonstrate a willingness to get off the streets, we provide security deposits, furniture and household items. We ask you to consider a donation to Off The Streets so that we can continue to provide money for security deposits. The cost of apartments in our area is excessive and there is a shortage of low cost housing. A security deposit could be the deal breaker for someone seeking shelter. On the first Saturday of every month we collect donations between ten and noon at South Street Self Storage located at 39-A South St in Danbury. You can contact Mike at otsdanburymr@gmail.com with any questions you may have or scan the code for a list of items we can accept.

If you would like to support our work, please send contributions to: Off the Streets, PO Box 591, Bethel CT 06801. or donate online by cut and pasting the link below into your browser <https://gofund.me/baa5b98d>



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FOR
SOMETHING



If you are missing a pair of glasses, a key, a jacket, a book, a toy, or some other item, you may have left it in the Church. Be sure to check out the boxes in the Usher's room. If you find anything in the Church, please leave it in a box in the Usher's room.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

For the values of sports Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Sun.: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

Mon.: 2 Pt 1:2-7 Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 Mk 12:1-12

Tues.: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 Mk 12:13-17

Wed.: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef Mk 12:18-27

Thu.: 2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Mk 12:28-34

Fri.: 2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 Mk 12:35-37

Sat.: 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15AB, 16-17, 22 Mk 12:38-44

Sun.: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

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Sacred Heart University and Guild of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Diocese of Bridgeport Project Rachel Ministry – Jesus Keeps on Loving You, No Matter What

“As we approach Lent, please allow me to speak to all who carry the unbearable sadness and guilt of an abortion experience. Be assured that Jesus keeps on loving you, no matter what. I pray that God plants a seed of hope in every heart that is overwhelmed by sadness and despair from participation in abortion. This Lent, the Lord’s mercy awaits you. Allow Him to heal you and lift your sadness into joy.” – Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

The Diocese of Bridgeport’s Project Rachel Ministry is here to help you. For confidential assistance or information on upcoming events, please contact Maureen at 203-416-1619 or projectrachel@diobpt.org. There is hope after abortion.



Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe with Bishop Caggiano, Fr. Joseph-Anthony Kress, and Molly & Chris McMahon

Plus an unforgettable trip to the Sisters of Mary Girlstown

October 9-12, 2026

A Journey of Faith & Joy: Guadalupe to Girlstown

- Encounter the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Walk up Tepeyac Hill, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531
- Attend Daily Mass
- Come to Intimately Know a Future American Saint Venerable Aloysius Schwartz
- Witness how the Sisters of Mary are transforming the lives of poor children through education, faith formation, and vocational skills training



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano,
Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport



Reverend Joseph-Anthony Kress,
O.P.,
Promoter of the Rosary &
Co-host of Godsplaining



Molly & Chris McMahon,
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1 (800) 662-6316

Prayer for Strength and Guidance

Dear Lord, as I begin my day, I turn to You and ask for strength. Be my rock whenever the day shakes me. Guide me through the choppy waters that might come my way. Help me to feel Your loving embrace this day and all days.
Amen.

MINISTRIES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LITURGY

Adult Acolyte Provide adult altar service at funerals and memorial services. Rectory Office (203) 744 - 5777

Altar Server Support the community in the Church's weekly liturgical celebrations. Father Andrew LaFleur FrLaFleur@diobpt.org

Lector Proclaim the scriptures and read the petitions at Mass. Rectory Office (203) 744 - 5777

Eucharistic Minister Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion on weekdays and Sundays. Rectory Office (203) 744 - 5777

Usher Assist with greeting, seating, and the collection at Mass and services. Rectory Office

Cantors/Choir Lead and assist in the music for the 11am Mass and major feasts through the year. Mr. Michael Ferrari music.saintmary@gmail.com

Youth Choir Grade 2+ - will develop vocal skills and musicianship through the singing of chants, hymns and psalms at Masses and special events. Youthchoir.st.mary@gmail.com. (Leanna Hinger)

YOUTH

CrossRoads Middle School Youth Group Join youths (grades 6-8) in the early formative years of their faith by participating in regular meetings, prayer, and social activities. Chaperones and adult aides welcome (must have completed Virtus Training). Ms. Rosie Lifreiri & Mr. Tom Reese stmarycrossroads@gmail.com

UNITED High School Youth Group (St. Mary - St. Joseph - St. Rose parishes) Join other youths (grades 9-12) in the effort to grow in their relationships with Christ and their Catholic Faith, participate in opportunities for service, fun and games, and fellowship. Chaperones and adult aides welcome (must have completed Virtus Training). Mr. Renzo Ortega (203) 240-8059

COMMUNITY

Bereavement Support Group Offers a prayerful experience of mutual support and consolation for those who are confronting the difficulties of losing a loved one. Rectory Office

Faith and Family Nights/Social Committee Join in and assist at various celebrations and social events of the Church year. Rectory Office

Men's Ministry Join other Catholic men in a positive Christian fellowship and learn ways to better strengthen one's personal faith journey. Deacon Eric Keener dnekeener@diobpt.org

Women of Faith/Walking with Purpose A women's ministry dedicated to offering a variety of activities for spiritual growth, fellowship, support, and outreach. Mrs. Caroline LaFleur la_fleur@sbcglobal.net

Knights of Columbus Promote fraternal ties among other Catholic Men and participate in various charitable activities both at the Church and in the local community. Mr. Alan Gambino (203)910-3733 or Email gkofpavia@gmail.com

Ave Maria - Young Adults Where card games, Wii Tourneys, drinks and appetizers meet adoration, rosary, and catechesis. Fr. Andrew LaFleur frlafleur@diobpt.org

Just Desserts Help in the catering of baked goods and treats for parish celebrations. Rectory Office

Book Club ST. MARY BOOK GROUP welcomes all adults! "Spiritual reading has made many saints." (St. Josemaria Escriva). Rectory Office

SERVICE

Homebound Eucharistic Ministers Bring Communion to the home-bound and those in local nursing homes. Rectory Office

Matthew 25:35 Provides meals for either groups outside of parish (ex, Dorothy Day) or for families in need within the parish. Rectory Office

Parish Hospitality Committee/Photographers Volunteer to help set up, serve, and clean up for Parish receptions. Record events in church or photography of events. Rectory Office

Prayer Line Prayer society that receives intentions and prays regularly for them. Mrs. Maggie Kent Mrs. Deana Chamberlin (203) 731 - 4738 (203) 482 - 7149

Pro-Life Committee that strives to build a culture of life, upholding and promoting the dignity of human life. Rectory Office

Altar Linen Committee Provide regular care for the various linens used at Mass. Rectory Office

St. Martha Cleaning Society Assist in the regular cleaning and upkeep of the Church. Rectory Office

Rectory Volunteer Aides Assist the rectory staff with mass mailings and various projects. Rectory Office

Prayer Shawl and Baby Blanket Making Ministry Mary Ferri 203-743-4557

Religious Articles Store & Catholic Book Fair One weekend in both the Fall & the Spring, as well as Christmas, to help with the distribution of religious goods for purchase. Mrs. Maggie Kent (203) 743 - 4557

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

Religious Education Catechist Share the Catholic Faith with the children of our parish. Mrs. Mary Ferri (203) 743 - 4557

RCIA Catechist/RCIA Sponsor Accompany and share the faith with those seeking to join the Catholic Church or complete their sacraments. Deacon Eric Keener (203) 744-5777

Missionaries to the Family & Mysteries of the Rosary Mission to support revitalizing the domestic church within our families. Catechesis & programming to help you live out holiness in your marriage and home. Santos Oyola and Juliana Restrepo julyres@hotmail.com

Pre-Baptism Preparation Help teach parents and Godparents of their responsibilities to prepare for Baptism. Rectory Office

Vocations Ministry prays for, encourages, educates and accompanies those discerning any vocation to which God is calling them. Father LaFleur FrLaFleur@diobpt.org

Adult Faith Formation Series Join in ongoing adult faith formation to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Faith. Shani Burke-Specht (203)744-5777

Parish Vocation Ministry prays for, encourages those in their vocation, accompanies those discerning their vocation, celebrates all vocations and educates youth and adults about the beauty of the Catholic vocations of sacramental marriage and family, the priesthood, diaconate and the religious life. Mike Roberts telecom0711@gmail.com.

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